

In the Matter of:

Wireline Competition Bureau Seeking Comments on E-rate Category Two

WC Docket No. 13-184

Until recently, the network infrastructure at Chattahoochee Valley Libraries (CVL) was made up of equipment in various stages of advanced age. This caused computing resources to perform at increasingly substandard levels for both staff and patrons, not to mention the impending risk of compromised data security had this equipment not been upgraded or replaced. Due heavily to the funding of E-rate Category 2, CVL has been able to accomplish these much needed upgrades. The new firewall protects the network from Internet-borne threats. The new switches deliver reliable connectivity. And the new wireless access points provide more complete coverage throughout CVL campuses.

Even with the upgrades that CVL has recently completed, the advancement of technology and the ever changing security threat landscape will necessitate the continuous maintenance and upkeep of its network. Communities who rely on Internet resources not available to them anywhere else depend on those resources to be secure, fast, and reliable. On behalf of those communities everywhere, as well as schools and libraries who have not yet been able to more fully utilize E-rate, Chattahoochee Valley Libraries humbly implores the FCC to continue E-rate Category 2 funding for network infrastructure.